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SUBJECT: NEW SOVIET PROBE ON CW

REF: (A) GENEVA 4775; (B) STATE 135881

1. SOVIET EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY KOKOREV CALLED ON ACDA OFFICERS JULY 10, SAYING HE WANTED "TO CLEAR UP SOMETHING ON CHEMICALS." KOKOREV SAID EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM SOVIET CCD DEL THAT WHEN SOVIETS HAD RAISED QUESTION OF CONSULTING FURTHER ON JOINT CW INITIATIVE,US CCD REP. MARTIN HAD REPLIED HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS ENABLING HIM TO DO SO. KOKOREV SAID THIS PUZZLED SOVIETS HERE, SINCE THEY HAD UNDERSTOOD FROM FLOYD-VORONTSOV COMMUNICATION IN JUNE (REF B) THAT US WANTED CONSULTATIONS TO GO FORWARD IN CCD.

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2. ACDA OFFICERS NOTED THAT WE HAD BEEN INFORMED OF EXCHANGE IN GENEVA, AND OBSERVED THAT MISUNDERSTANDING SEEMED TO PERSIST REGARDING WHAT US SIDE HAD TOLD SOVIETS IN JUNE. RECALLING SOVIET RESPONSE CONVEYED AT THAT TIME TO US COMMENTS ON USSR'S AUGUST 1974 DRAFT CW TREATY, THEY NOTED THAT RESPONSE WAS STILL UNDER STUDY WITHIN USG. AS FLOYD HAD TOLD VORONTSOV, WE CONSIDERED THAT WHEN STUDY WAS COMPLETED, US AND SOVIET CCD DELS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE

CHANNEL FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON CW. PENDING THAT DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, US DEL HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDING BASIS FOR SUCH CONSULTATIONS.

3. KOKOREV SAID HE NOW UNDERSTOOD US POSITION. HE ASKED WHETHER ACDA OFFICERS COULD SUGGEST TIME FRAME WITHIN WHICH STUDY OF SOVIET RESPONSE MIGHT BE COMPLETED. ACDA OFFICERS REPLIED NEGATIVELY.

4. COMMENT: ON BASIS OF CONVERSATION REPORTED REF (A) AND KOKOREV'S CALL, IT SEEMS POSSIBLE THAT SOVIET "MISUNDERSTANDING" OF JUNE EXCHANGE CONTAINS PURPOSEFUL ELEMENT. ON OTHER HAND, KOKOREV'S PRESENTATION WAS LOW KEY AND HE DID NOT DISPLAY EXCESSIVE CONCERN OVER IMPLICATION THAT NEXT US COMMUNICATION ON CW MIGHT BE SOME TIME IN COMING. INGERSOLL

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